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PURSUANT to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 - 1.99

Dear Sir:

The Attorneys for Applicant in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99 bring the following references (copies enclosed) to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent 3,606,934  
Issued: September 21, 1971  
Title: BOAT LADDER  
Inventor: Johansen

U.S. Patent 4,146,941  
Issued: April 3, 1979  
Title: BOAT BOW LADDER ASSEMBLY  
Inventor: Haslam

U.S. Patent 4,153,137  
Issued: May 8, 1979  
Title: BOAT LADDER  
Inventor: Johnson

U.S. Patent 5,123,372  
Issued: June 23, 1992  
Title: LADDER ARRANGEMENT FOR A WATERCRAFT  
Inventor: Kobayashi et al.

U.S. Patent 5,896,946  
Issued: April 27, 1999  
Title: BOARDING LADDER AND WINCH MOUNT SYSTEM FOR  
BOAT TRAILERS AND THE LIKE  
Inventor: Brackett

U.S. Patent 6,145,621  
Issued: November 14, 2000  
Title: BOARDING LADDER FOR A BOAT BOW  
Inventor: Nye

Applicant's attorneys have prepared and enclose herewith the Information Disclosure Statement Form PTO-1449 for the Attention of the Examiner.

The claims of the above application are considered to define patentable subject matter over the above patent or combination thereof.

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